

**In the Claims**

Kindly amend claim 1 as shown in the following claim listing:

1. (currently amended) An electroluminescent device comprising a substrate (1) and, adjacent to said substrate (1), a laminated body composed of a first electrode (2), an electroluminescent layer (3) directly on said first electrode, a second electrode (4) and  $2n+1$  transparent dielectric layers (5) directly on said second electrode, where  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3 \dots \alpha$ , which transparent dielectric layers (5) alternately have a high refractive index of  $n > 1.7$  and a low refractive index of  $n \leq 1.7$ , and the transparent dielectric layer (6) bordering on the second electrode (4) has a high refractive index of  $n > 1.7$ .

2. (original) An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the transparent layers having a high refractive index comprise a material selected from the group composed of  $\text{TiO}_2$ ,  $\text{ZnS}$  and  $\text{SnO}_2$ .

3. (original) An electroluminescent device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the transparent layers having a low refractive index comprise a material selected from the group composed of  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{MgF}_2$ .